

I agree with the formletter that Digital Consumer is providing for people, but wanted to make one additional comment.

As an amateur digital filmmaker this proposal may lock me out of my own TV and VCR. Will my TV even be allowed to play a show without the "broadcast flag"? Will I be able to generate a flag with my consumer digital camcorder to show my home movies? Will this break my tens of thousands of dollars worth of editing equipment and VCR's?

This is clearly an attempt to cement Hollywood's monopoly on content. You'll need their permission to watch, to record, and even to make your own television.

This is a really bad idea.